

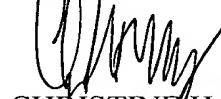
REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 21-23 and 29-30 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant submits that this places the application in condition for allowance. However, if anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Applicant representative.

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